



OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION
2015-166A

Kim Glazier, Executive Director
Oklahoma Board of Nursing
2915 N. Classen Blvd., Ste. 524
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73106

November 30, 2015

Dear Executive Director Glazier:

This office has received your request for a written Attorney General Opinion regarding agency action that the Oklahoma Board of Nursing intends to take pursuant to a consent agreement in Board case 10.058.16. The proposed action is to accept an application for licensure by endorsement but impose a fine of \$500 and issue a severe reprimand. The applicant was disciplined for sexual harassment and unwelcome advances in Arkansas, completing the terms of discipline in August of 2015.

The Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act, 59 O.S.2011 & Supp.2015, §§ 567.1–567.20, authorizes the Board to discipline licensees who are “guilty of unprofessional conduct” or who have “had disciplinary actions taken against the individual’s [license] in this or any state, territory or country,” 59 O.S.Supp.2015, § 567.8(B)(7), (10). The Board may reasonably be concerned that the recency of the applicant’s violations along with a shift in the applicant’s jurisdiction require additional deterrence against future violations in Oklahoma.

It is, therefore, the official opinion of the Attorney General that the Oklahoma Board of Nursing has adequate support for the conclusion that this action advances the State of Oklahoma’s policy to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

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E. SCOTT PRUITT
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF OKLAHOMA